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CITY OF GLENDALE WEATHER-RELATED UPDATES

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. – With Flash Flood Warning in effect through Thursday, city of Glendale staff is prepared and is committed to updating residents in a timely manner.

Last week's storms closed several facilities in the city, but as of Wednesday, Sept. 17, the following parks are re-opened and available for use:

- Skunk Creek, Thunderbird Paseo and Grand Canal Linear trails are all open to public. Sections of the path system have sinkholes and extreme wash out that has been secured for public safety. Additional work was done to fortify the barricades and close the isolated areas of sink holes and extreme erosion along the side of the trail system.
- Thunderbird Conservation Park's hiking trails are now open to the public except for extreme washout and erosion in one section of Arrowhead Point Trail (from ramada 15 to the top of elevation).

Staff is currently working on or completed:

- The city has taken delivery of about 400 tons of sand, for use by both residents and city operations, along with 15,000 sand bags (*See attached photo of residents filling sandbags at one of the city's three locations.*)
- Barricades are on hand for staff to quickly set up traffic restrictions or closures if roads become impassable
- The Fire Department's Emergency Operations Weather Watch Desk continues to monitor weather data through various sources, including the Phoenix National Weather Service, the National Weather Service radar images, NOAA weather radios, as well as the current rainfall/streamflow data from the Flood Control District of Maricopa County; staff is on stand-by to activate the Emergency Operations Center if necessary.

In the meantime city officials are urging residents to prepare, in the event that heavy rain deluges the area again.

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Important safety reminders:

- Children need constant supervision around all bodies of water.
- Avoid moving water.
- If your car stalls in rapidly rising waters, get out immediately and climb to higher ground. DO NOT attempt to push your car to higher ground as the ground underneath the surface may be unstable.
- Floodwaters often erode roads and walkways. Flood debris may also hide animals and broken bottles. Avoid walking or driving through it.
- If you must walk or drive in areas that have been flooded, stay on firm ground. Moving water only 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet. Standing water may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.

Resources for residents:

- To report any downed trees and road hazards during regular business hours, call 623-930-2670. After 5 p.m. on a weekday and on weekends, call 602-582-6814.
- For residents needing special bulk-trash pick-up, call 623-930-2660.
- The city has established a hotline for residents to get additional information regarding storm or flood damage on their property, which is 623-930-2202.
- Sand and sand bags are available at the following locations: (please bring your own shovel)
 - Bonsall Park North, northeast corner of 59th Avenue and Bethany Home Road, next to the hockey rink
 - City of Glendale Community Center North: 14061 N. 59th Ave.
 - GFD Support Services: 7501 N.55th Ave.

Glendale 11 videos that residents may find helpful:

- Monsoon Safety Tips from Glendale Fire Chief Mark Burdick - <http://youtu.be/xN5UHRNlrEg>
- Segment from CBS 5-Glendale 11 partnership “Monsoon: Eye on the Storm” including interview with Glendale Police Chief Debora Black - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yZca_4nRlc

For additional information, visit www.glendaleaz.com and click on the Monsoon section on the home page. Glendale residents that subscribe to Cox Communications can also find updates on Glendale’s TV station, Glendale 11.

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